

REMARKSBackground

Claims 1 through 11 are pending in this case. The Official Action indicates that Claims 1 through 14 are pending and makes a species election requirement between Figure 1 and Figure 2 without identifying which claims are believed to apply to which figure. However, a Preliminary Amendment was mailed October 16, 2001 in which Claims 12 through 14 were cancelled. Moreover, the same restriction requirement was made in the parent application (Serial No. 09/476,429 which has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,322,537). In that prior restriction requirement, it was set out that Claims 1 through 11 correspond to Figure 1 and that Claims 12 through 14 correspond to Figure 2. At that time, the species corresponding to Figure 2, i.e., Claims 12 through 14, were elected for prosecution and Claims 1 through 11 cancelled. The present application is a divisional directed to those Claims 1 through 11 which are the species of Figure 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement was unnecessary as all claims pending in this case, i.e., Claims 1 through 11, correspond to Figure 1 which is the elected species.

Election With Traverse

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that no election is necessary. However, if an election is required, Examiner has set out two species, namely, (A) Figure 1, and (B) Figure 2. As Claims 1 through 11, all claims now pending, are submitted to correspond to Figure 1, Applicant elects species A. It is submitted that Claims 1 through 11 are readable thereon, with Claim 1 being generic.

Power of Attorney

An Associate Power of Attorney has previously been submitted by facsimile giving power to undersigned counsel. The Office is requested to correspond directly with undersigned counsel with respect to further prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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